

Pickett's Charge

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COMMANDER'S CORNER:

Well, March certainly came in like a Lion! The snowstorm, the Canadians training and a stimulus packet. Yes, Stimulus, Stimulus, Stimulus, it's all we've been hearing about in the media. Well, for Fort Pickett it's going to mean something too. We recently learned that we will receive more than \$6M for energy and renovation projects at Pickett. This is great news to improve our soldier conditions while also saving money on rising utility costs. I am also working diligently to produce "shovel ready" projects on the shelf (projects virtually ready to start with completed architectural and engineering and contractors identified) so if we have the opportunity we are ready to build. SouthBound Trooper was a huge success. Many "Thank you's" go out to all those who played a part in this endeavor. The Canadians benefitted greatly and will certainly have a successful deployment to Afghanistan in the near future. Spring has not sprung just yet, so I urge all of you training at Pickett to remain aware of the conditions and enforce all safety standards for your soldiers.

COL Wilkinson

CSM:

NCO Responsibility

Leaders responsibilities **never** end. This is of critical importance with units training at Ft. Pickett due to the combination of field training and garrison activities. The credibility of the NCO Corps is in jeopardy at times simply due to not asking the question "If not me, then who?" We can address the challenge by the following:

Ensure our NCOs understand General Military Authority and exercise it.

Educate our team on the Standards that exist and enforce them rigorously.

Always lead by your example.

The Chief of Staff of the Army has declared 2009 the Year of the NCO. Let's "re-invigorate" our Corps and continue building the proud legacy of this capable Corps.



Safety

Important Pickett safety information:

- Reflective Gear, either vest or belt, is required for All Sports Activities on roads during hours of limited visibility. Road guards are required for formations. Respect unit formation off limits areas, primarily Military Road and Garnett Avenue.
- Bicycle helmets, vests or belts are required for bicycling on post.
- No cell phone use while driving unless using a hands free device.
- Use of head/earphones is Prohibited while walking, jogging, skating, bicycling, or driving on Pickett roads.
- Run, walk, jog Against traffic on roads, bicycle and skate With traffic on roads.

Professional Organizations

Join me in supporting the professional organizations that support our team. Organizations such as VaEANGUS, AUSA, NCOAA, the VFW and the American Legion need our support and can benefit from your involvement.

CSM McGhee

DOL:

Always refer to the Fort Pickett website and use the most current site request form.

Reminder: The DOL does not operate a TMP.

Based on current training request for TY 09 we are filling up quickly. If you plan to train at Fort Pickett during the current TY and have not submitted a request for facilities please do so as soon as possible as we are at 100% capacity during some periods and may not be able to support your request. Also we are receiving numerous requests for TY 10 and are close to maximum capacity during some periods already. If you know your training dates for TY 10 and have not submitted a request I recommend that you do so soon.

Ammunition REMINDER!! All ammo draws and turn-ins require an appointment. Any changes or additions to your scheduled appointments require 24 hour notice. Units should obtain a copy of Fort Pickett's external SOP for ammunition by contacting the ASP. The next scheduled dates for the Ammunition Handlers/Drivers Course are 7-8 Mar 09 (Full), 16-17 May 09 and 10-11 Sep 09. Register for the Ammunition Course by calling SFC Arnold at (434) 292-2468 or Mr. Sam Sanders at (434) 292-8532.

Troop Support Branch Facilities are issued and returned at building 311 along with linen support. **All organizations must schedule an appointment for issue and turn-in of facilities and all facilities will be cleaned prior to turn-in.** Reminder, units are responsible for providing cleaning supplies required for maintaining our facilities at the established level of cleanliness. The Central Vehicle Wash Rack will be closed for the winter effective 7 November 2008 and will reopen in the

spring of 2009. For every commodity you get from DOL such as linen, barracks or dining facilities you will need a signature card and assumption of command orders. A qualified Food Service Soldier is required to draw and turn-in Dining Facilities. Linen draw is a morale booster and units are encouraged to use it for their soldiers comfort. Clearance procedures are clearly specified in *ARNG-MTC SOP 700, Procedures for Checking In and Out*. The SOP is available on the Ft. Pickett Website. Units on AT status are required to cut the grass within 20 feet of all facilities. Mr. Oliver at 434-292-2314 in building 311 is the POC for lawn care equipment.

Customer Service The Customer Service Section is located in building 309. They are responsible for billing, scheduling of facilities, chemical toilets and communication requirements.

Communications The DOL will assist units in the coordination of telephone and computer net access requirements with the DOIM representatives. Internet access (not RCAS) is available for a fee. *You must contact the Customer Service Section at least two weeks in advance of your arrival to schedule service.* If you want RCAS connectivity you must state that on your request, otherwise you will have just net access. Mobile Satellite internet access is also available from a vendor on a fee for service basis.

Chemical Toilet Support Units are required to give a 72 hour notice for chemical toilets or to have them serviced. This includes ordering, placing, moving, or cleaning. All these actions must go through the DOL to the vendor. *Units are required to coordinate with Customer Service in building 309 prior to the main body arriving, no less than 72 hours prior to your requirement.* At the end of the training period the person on the signature card will sign the bill stating that all services were received. The DOL will forward the invoice to the resource manager and ultimately to the unit for payment. All questions about building assignments, communications or chemical toilets should be directed to SSG Easter at (434) 292-2301, Mr. Walker at (434)

292-2484 or SFC Earp at (434) 292-2948.

Fuel Operations Fuel keys are issued (Bldg 142) by SGT Rodriguez or SPC Rodriguez at (434) 292-8509. For bulk fuel issues (units/individuals) drawing 200 gallons or more), an appointment is required and will be scheduled for pickup between 0730-1500 hours. The POC is SGT Price at (434) 292-8329 or SGT White at (434) 292-8547.

Chapel The Chapel (Bldg. 2601) is located next to the Post Theater and is available for religious services. Keys for the Chapel are issued (Bldg 309) from Customer Service.

MAJ Potter

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DPW:

Roads & Grounds The snow storm of 1 March which dropped 8-10 inches snow across MTC was well managed by the Roads & Grounds Dept. Approximately 80 tons of sand & salt was applied to MTC roadways, and 300 pounds of salt was applied to sidewalks and steps. Due to the efforts of the Roads & Grounds staff the post was re-opened on 3 March. Due to limited manpower, please remember if salt is needed for sidewalks, etc. call the work order desk at Ext 2250.

Buildings & Structures Continuing routine PM and service order work.

Utilities Please turn off lights when not in use. Also turn thermostats back after hours in support of energy conservation. Report any leaking faucets to DPW service desk at Ext 2250.

Forestry Many THANKS to all who assisted with the fire of 12 February at Ft Pickett MTC. A brief synopsis of the events of that day follows: At approximately 12:30 on the afternoon of 12 February, the Fire and Forestry departments were dispatched to a fire located on the western side of the ASP in a forest-stand located between Igloo and Quarry Road off of Military Road. Five firefighters and 3 Forestry personnel led the initial attack. Additional assistance from ITAM & several M-Day soldiers ensured control of the critical southern eastern flank. The 10 acre fire was contained at 16:45 and mop-up was completed at 10:45 the next day. Due to the

collaborative efforts of the Fire, Forestry and ITAM departments, coupled with a cadre of National Guard soldiers, this fire was safely stopped before entering the high risk ASP complex.

Recycle Please remember to 'think green'; RECYCLE, RE-USE, REDUCE!

Fish & Wildlife Please keep in mind we have reduced our operating hours to 1000 hrs to 1800 hrs Tuesday - Saturday. 2009 fishing permits are on sale now at Bevell's Ace Hardware or at the game check station.

ATTENTION

For all training units planning to conduct training at Fort Pickett, review the Fort Pickett Regulation 350-1. It covers all issues regarding the use of facilities on post.

For the units staying in the billeting area, please obey the parking signs. Please park in designated areas only. No parking between buildings or on grassy areas, per the Fire Marshall.

Reminder The Work Order Desk phone number is x2250.

LTC Bragg

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DPCA:

Fitness Center Lockers are available for a small fee. See Mr. Randy Edmonds to be placed on the list. The Fitness Center is open Mon-Fri 0700-2100 hours and Sat-Sun 1300-2100 hours. **Please no boots or street shoes except on matted areas.**

Post Theatre

Showtimes: Sun-Thurs at 7PM. Fri-Sat at 7PM and 9PM. Closed on Mondays.

Post Exchange (PX)

Winter Hours are in Effect: The PX is open Mon-Sat 1000-1900 and will be closed on Sunday.

Military / Civilian ID Cards

Customer Service hours are Mon. between 1000-1400 hours and Tue-Fri. between 0800-1700. Scheduled Saturdays are available by appointment. Personnel must verify that the information about themselves and their family members is current and accurate in the DEERS database. The ID card section can be reached at (434) 292-2327.

Chaplain: The Chapel (Bldg. 2601) is located next to the Post Theater. All unit chaplains are encouraged to use the facility during training. Additional chaplain support can be requested to MAJ J. D. Moore at (434) 298-6106.

Attention: Please alert DPCA and Command Headquarters should any General Officers arrive to visit Fort Pickett as common courtesy in advance. Flags are available at Post Headquarters, Bldg 472. Phone: (434) 292-2022.

MAJ Bridger

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DPTS:

Unit Training Updates

Range Operations is currently open and operational 24 hours a day 7 days a week with some limited exceptions based on training load. Range Operations would like to remind units that the Range Safety Briefing, required in order to be an OIC or Safety Officer on a range or in the maneuver training areas, is conducted on a walk in basis at 1000 and 1400 hours daily Monday through Friday, and is also available at other times with prior coordination with Range Operations at (434) 292-8334/2227.

The Troop Medical Clinic (TMC) (Bldg 1692) is currently closed. The TMC, when operational, is primarily for use by Guard and Reserve soldiers for sick call and minor injuries.

Daily Training Coordination Meeting

Units training on post within 48 hours are required to have a representative attend the Daily Coordination Meeting that is held Mon-Fri at 0830 hours at Range Operations (Bldg 3001). Units must attend this meeting 48 hours prior to their scheduled training event or make coordination with the Scheduling Office to be absent but with a confirmed schedule. Units must also "lock-in" operator times for automated ranges at this time. **Failure to comply with these standards will result in cancellation of the facility for the unit.** POC for this is the DPTS Range Manager CPT Gravely at (434) 292-2697 or DPTS Operations Sergeant MSG Horton at (434) 292-2676.

Fort Pickett Website:

Ft. Pickett's official web site is www.fortpickett.net. All of FT Pickett's regulations, contact information, Request for Training Support form, and Map Order form, can be found on this web site. E-mail address for submitting a Request for Training Support form is rangepickett@fortpickett.net

MAP Products:

Current standard 1:50,000 scale military maps of Fort Pickett, and other Pickett and SMR map products, are available from the DPTS GIS Mapping office located in the DPTS/Range Operations building, BLDG 3001. The Map Order Form is available at www.fortpickett.net. Questions regarding normal services offered by the mapping office can be directed to Ms. Labrie at (434) 292-2584 or the DPTS Operations Officer at (434) 292-8390.

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Camp Pendleton State Military Reservation (SMR) Virginia Beach:

SMR is the perfect location to conduct numerous training events to include TOC EX(s), EST 2000, Distance Learning, planning meetings, or to just get away and spend the weekend in Virginia Beach without having to pay Virginia Beach prices for lodging. We have very reasonable rates for cottages, trailers, and individual rooms, private beach access within an easy walk or bike ride, fresh water lake and salt water surf fishing, and a quiet family friendly environment which is hard to find at the beach these days. Make us your destination for training, or recreation. POC for training is SMR Operations at (757) 493-3122 or 3121, and lodging is at (757) 493-3127. Also, check out our new websites that are currently being created at the following internet and intranet addresses:

<http://vko.va.ngb.army.mil/VirginiaGuard/smr/index.html> and <https://ngvac2-8bjaa-01.va.ng.ds.army.mil/SMR/>

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Post Hours/Information

PX (AAFES) – Bldg. 2204,
(24-hr ATM) (Mon.-Sat. 1000-1900)
(Closed Sun)
Post Theater – Bldg. 2480
Sun, Tues, Wed, Thurs at 7PM
Fri and Sat at 7PM and 9PM. Closed on Mondays.
Fitness Center – Bldg. 1613,
(Mon.-Fri) 0700-2100, except holidays
(Sat-Sun) 1300-2100 (Military & Ft. Pickett employees FREE)
Barber Shop – Bldg. 2204,
(Wed-Thurs 1000-1700, Cost \$9.10)
Leisure Center – Bldg. 2403

Fort Pickett Phone Numbers:

MTC Cdr 292-2722
MTC CSM 292-2560
DPCA 292-2022
DPT 292-8605
DOL 292-8403
DPW 292-8303, 2144, 2664
Billeting 292-2443
Telephone Repair 298-6138 or 292-2020
Ft. Pickett Police Dept 292-8444
Post Locator 292-8621
Range Officer 292-2105

SMR Phone Numbers:

SMR Receptionist 757-493-3122
SMR Billeting 757-493-3125, 26, 27
SMR Operations 757-493-3121
Submissions/suggestions for the "Pickett's Charge" can be sent to MAJ Bridger at randy.bridger@us.army.mil